GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR INDO-IRAN GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total budget allocation for the Indo-Iran gas pipeline project;

(b) the amount spent so far;

(c) whether there is any threat to the Indo-Iran gas pipeline which may have adverse impact on the expenditure to this project;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has held any discussion with US regarding this project; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Government has not made any budget allocation for the Project. From Indian side, GAIL (India) Ltd. (GAIL) & Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) are involved with the Project, and provide necessary funds for the same. They have spent approximately Rs.3.50 crores on the technical & financial consultants appointed for the project.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) & (f): During the meeting between US Energy Secretary Mr. Samuel W. Bodman and Minster (P&NG) in New Delhi on March 20, 2007, the former, inter alia, wanted to know the progress of Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) Gas pipeline project. Brief status of discussions on the project was conveyed to him.